

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1998 - 0530 MDT

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

The fire situation in northern and central Florida escalated yesterday. High winds resulted in extreme fire behavior on most incidents. Firefighters made excellent progress on the fires in the Rocky Mountain and Southwest Areas. Large fire activity increased in the Northwest Area. The National Interagency Coordination Center processed orders for a Type I Incident Management Team, engines, dozers, tractor-plows, aircraft, crews and miscellaneous overhead for the Southern Area. Increased initial attack activity in Alaska necessitated the mobilization of 20 smokejumpers from the lower 48 states. Minor initial attack activity was reported in most other Areas. Very high and extreme fire indices were reported in Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Utah, California and Nevada.

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

ORLANDO COMPLEX, Florida State, Brevard, Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties. A Type I Incident Management Team (Birch) is assigned. The Farmington fire made significant runs to the east, jumped Highway 95, and moved toward the town of Scottsmor. All residents from Highway 95 to the Brevard County line were evacuated. A mandatory evacuation was issued for Ormand Beach. Between 20,000 and 30,000 people were affected by this evacuation. Several roads in the area have been closed. Extreme fire behavior was observed, with large acreage increases occurring at night. Multiple heads are making anchor points difficult to establish. The acreage involved in this complex is undetermined.

BUNNELL COMPLEX, Florida State, Flagler and St. Johns Counties. This complex is under Unified command with a Type I Incident Management Team (Hutchinson) and a Type II Incident Management Team (Hendricks) assigned. Extreme fire activity was observed on several fires in this complex. No further information was available.

BUNNELL-VOLUSIA COMPLEX, Florida State, Volusia County. A Type II Incident Management Team (Kearney) is assigned. Fire activity increased throughout Volusia County. No further information was available.

JACKSONVILLE COMPLEX 2, Florida State. A Type I Incident Management Team (Monahan) is assigned. Increased fire activity outside Jacksonville created a new complex of fires. No further information was available.

WACCASASSA COMPLEX, Florida State, Alachua, Putnam and Marion Counties. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hebb) is assigned. Firefighters have made good progress toward containment objectives. Increased fire activity was observed yesterday. Air support was utilized on several fires in the complex.

SUWANNEE COMPLEX, Florida State, Columbia, Union, Bradford and Baker Counties. A Type I Incident Management Team (Wands) is assigned. Unified Command is in effect with Florida State. Ten of the 33 fires in this complex are not contained. Unfavorable weather conditions are creating control problems. Initial attack on new fires in the complex has been successful.

OAK HEAD COMPLEX, Osceola National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Greenhoe) is assigned. These fires are 20 miles north of Lake City. Firefighters continue mop-up operations. Resource demobilization has begun.

MERRITT ISLAND COMPLEX, Merritt Island NWR. This fire is in Brevard County. Mop-up operations are going well. Firefighters have been able to hold all containment lines.

DON RANSON RANCH, Texas State, Armstrong County. This fire is burning in Palo Duro Canyon. Aerial support assisted firefighters with line construction.

DOC'S CAMPFIRE, Ouachita NF. This lightning fire received light precipitation yesterday. Firefighters have made good progress toward containment goals.

WITHLACOOCHEE, Florida State, Hernando, Pasco, Lake Sumter and Citrus Counties. A Type II Incident Management Team (Voltolina) is assigned. No new information was available.

JACKSONVILLE COMPLEX, Florida State. This complex is southwest of Jacksonville. No new information was available.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$
ORLANDO COMPLEX	FLS	FL	UNK	UNK	UNK	277	5	34	0	0	NR	3

BUNNELL COMPLEX	FLS	FL	25,656	UNK	UNK	489	2	45	3	3	NR	9
BUNNELL- VOLUSIA	FLS	FL	67,385	45	UNK	653	12	22	0	0	3M	4
JACKSONVILLE 2	FLS	FL	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	U
WACCASASSA CPX	FLS	FL	12,077	98	UNK	172	1	0	1	0	NR	5
SUWANEE COMPLEX	FLS	FL	16,356	99	7/15	157	1	9	2	1	21M	1
OAK HEAD COMPLX	FNF	FL	20,120	90	7/3	285	7	16	0	0	NR	2
MERRITT ISLAND	MIR	FL	4,987	80	UNK	21	0	6	2	0	NR	
JACKSONVILLE	FLS	FL	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	U
DON RANSON RNCH	TXS	TX	800	35	7/2	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	
DOC'S CAMP.	OUR	AR	210	80	7/6	21	1	1	0	0	NR	
WITHLACOOCHEE	FLS	FL	3,807	90	UNK	136	2	1	0	0	NR	

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

OSO, Santa Fe NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bateman) is assigned. This fire is ten miles north of Los Alamos. The fire received some precipitation from thunderstorm activity yesterday. The fire has burned up to private land, but no structures have been lost.

JUNCTION, New Mexico State - Socorro District. This fire is burning in the Los Pinos mountains 25 miles north of Socorro. Wolf pens for an endangered species program are threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ CTD
OSO	SNF	NM	5,120	10	7/5	721	21	15	6	NR	NR	1.6M
JUNCTION	N3S	NM	500	NR	NR	38	0	7	0	0	NR	5K
RIVERBED	PMA	AZ	120	100	----	45	2	1	0	0	0	NR
PALO DURO	LAP	TX	5,000	100	----	117	3	10	0	1	NR	48K

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LARGE FIRES:

WHITE, Pike-San Isabel NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hessler) is assigned. This fire is three miles northwest of Grants. Suppression efforts have focused on keeping the fire out of the Mt. Evans Wilderness. The Thumbling Creek Ranch/Resort is threatened, but crews have successfully held the fire a half mile from the facility. Steep and rocky terrain, erratic winds and patchy fuels have hampered suppression efforts.

BEAR TRACKS, Arapaho-Roosevelt NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Sexton) is assigned. This fire is ten miles west of Evergreen. Firefighter safety is a concern due to steep, rocky terrain and numerous snags in the area. Firefighters are slowly working toward containment goals.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ CTD
WHITE	PSF	CO	150	50	7/3	167	8	2	0	0	NR	50K
BEAR TRACKS	ARF	CO	485	70	7/4	415	16	1	6	0	NR	512K
MUDDY	PSF	CO	140	100	----	201	8	3	2	0	3M	2M

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NORTHWEST LARGE FIRES:

RATTLESNAKE, Spokane District, BLM. This fire is near Atlook. Airtankers made several drops on the fire. Structures are threatened. No other information was available.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ CTN
RATTLESNAKE	SPD	WA	1,000	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
AHTANUM	YAA	WA	597	100	—	61	0	11	0	0	NR	N

ALASKA LARGE FIRES:

CARLA LAKE, Fort Greely Army Base. This fire is 15 miles southwest of Delta Junction. Crews continue to secure line and are making progress on rehabilitation. Active burning of interior pockets occurred yesterday. A thunderstorm did pass through the area, but the fire did not receive any precipitation.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ CTD
CARLA LAKE	DDQ	AK	60,520	80	UNK	129	6	0	2	1	UNK	15M

OUTLOOK:

A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN POSTED FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY IN NORTHERN FLORIDA. The rest of the state will be partly cloudy and hot, with scattered afternoon thunderstorms. High temperatures will range from 90 to 100.

Georgia will be partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Temperatures will be in the 80's in the mountains and the 90's elsewhere.

New Mexico will be partly cloudy with scattered afternoon thunderstorms in the central mountains and eastward. Temperatures will be in the 80's and 90's in the mountains and the northern portion of the state. Southern temperatures will be in the 80's to 100.

Arizona will continue to be sunny and hot. Minimum relative humidity will range from 5-15%. High temperatures will be in the 80's and 90's in the mountains and the mid 90's to 115 in the deserts.

West Texas will be partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Temperatures will range from 90 to 100.

Colorado will be mostly sunny. Isolated thunderstorms are possible in the extreme east and in the mountains. Temperatures will range from the 70's in the mountains to 105 in southwestern Colorado.

Southern Nevada and southern Utah will be sunny, breezy, and hot. Winds will be out of the southwest at 15-25 MPH, with gusts of up to 30 MPH. Minimum relative humidity will range from 2-15%. Temperatures will be in the low 90's to 112 in the deserts.

NR = NOT REPORTED UNK = UNKNOWN

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES		1		2	5	2	10
	ACRES		65		2	394	0	461
NORTHWEST	FIRES	3	3		1	2	7	16
	ACRES	604	1,300		0	0	1	1,905
CA-NORTH	FIRES					8	0	8
	ACRES					3	1	4
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		1		1	24	1	27
	ACRES		40		1	65	0	106

NORTHERN	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
GB-EAST	FIRES	2	1				2	5
	ACRES	40	1				0	41
GB-WEST	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	2		2		4	30	38
	ACRES	120		600		5	19	744
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	2				3	2	7
	ACRES	2				1	1	4
EASTERN*	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES					229	13	242
	ACRES					1,786	60	1,846
TOTAL	FIRES	9	7	2	4	275	58	355
	ACRES	766	1,406	600	3	2,254	82	5,111

* = NO REPORT

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1	15	2		265	3	286
	ACRES	1	61,876	2		4,174	1	66,054
NORTHWEST	FIRES	36	32	2		171	109	350
	ACRES	9,044	7,919	4,500		430	78	21,971
CA-NORTH	FIRES	21	3		1	263	58	346
	ACRES	30	0		0	156	18	204
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	26	47	1	6	729	154	963
	ACRES	33	546	165	3	1,945	423	3,115
NORTHERN	FIRES	499	10	28		114	85	736

	ACRES	2,601	1,592	7,123		4,442	1,876	17,634
GB-EAST	FIRES	15	40		2	40	28	125
	ACRES	46	12,546		5	1,438	111	14,146
GB-WEST	FIRES		34		10	5	15	64
	ACRES		440		1	5	3	449
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1,185	59	14	35	679	507	2,479
	ACRES	4,910	4,466	9	5,979	77,736	5,032	98,132
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	169	65	13		324	103	674
	ACRES	1,185	1,204	126		3,071	2,000	7,586
EASTERN	FIRES	499			12	8,150	341	9,002
	ACRES	9,814			174	67,043	5,585	82,616
SOUTHERN	FIRES	8		51	27	18,174	572	18,832
	ACRES	35		8,582	5,614	408,126	18,833	441,190
TOTALS	FIRES	2,459	305	111	93	28,914	1,975	33,857
	ACRES	27,699	90,589	20,507	11,776	568,566	33,960	753,097
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								42,665
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								965,879

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		1	1				2
	ACRES		0	125				125
CA-NORTH	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						230	230
CA-SOUTH	FIRES			1			3	4
	ACRES			110			58	168
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		260				83	343
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				25			25

ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	2	1	0	9	14
	ACRES	0	260	235	25	0	371	891

Fires and acres reported to the National Interagency Coordination Center are for operational uses. Official totals may be obtained by contacting the Agencies directly.

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	0	50	572	3,395
YUKON TERRITORY	8	0	82	75,476

ALBERTA	1	1	808	370,195
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	99	176,961
SASKATCHEWAN	2	15,204	614	232,935
MANITOBA	3	4,313	213	14,008
ONTARIO	3	0	910	74,134
QUEBEC	13	31,483	501	71,321
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	5,400	158	13,583
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	154	262
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	241	300
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	16	66
NATIONAL PARKS	0	472	45	1,566
TOTALS	30	56,923	4,413	1,034,202

RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES:

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST			14		1				2	
CA-NORTH	7	2	6	4	3					2
CA-SOUTH	2		7		4		1			

NORTHERN										
GB-EAST	3	1	6	1	2					
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST	83		43	9	15		13	4	169	10
ROCKY MTN	14		11	2	1		4		85	
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN*	56	11	71	141	13	22		6	705	293
TOTAL	165	14	158	157	39	22	18	10	961	305

*Resource commitments were not reported from many fires in the Southern Area.

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